

Welcome visitors! We're glad you could worship with us today.

Our Nursery is open. Please have your child (3 years and younger) in the nursery by 9:25 am for worship.

Please continue to pray for the **pastoral search committee** as we seek the Lord's will in the process of searching for a new pastor. Please pray also for the man that the Lord has prepared to be the next pastor. The next meeting will be Tuesday October 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

We would love to have you join us for our next **women's book study October 8th, 9:30 a.m. at Ruth Thoren's home (22985 M Avenue, Grundy Center)**. All ladies are welcome. Please join us!

During this transition period, when the pastor search committee is conducting its work, **Pastor Bill Massey** feels greatly privileged to be serving Colfax Center as its interim minister.

The Session has called a **brief congregational meeting** to be held **Today** immediately following the benediction for the purpose of amending the church Bylaws to reduce the number of elders from 7 to 5 and Deacons from 9 to 6.

**Timothy Christian School**, west of Wellsburg, is seeking **substitute cooks** for up to 4 weeks while our cook, Betsy Vollema, is helping her daughter after undergoing a kidney transplant on October 15. Meals will be kept simple during this time from **October 14-November 8**. Pay per day will be \$85. If interested or have questions, please contact Betsy or Diane at the school by calling 641-869-3679.

If anyone is interested in **removing snow** this winter for the **Church**, please contact one of the **Deacons**.

# Colfax Center Church

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*If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.  
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

**2 Corinthians 5:17**

# The Lord's Day

Fortieth Sunday of the Year

October 6, 2019

*As you enter prepare yourself to worship. Please silence your phone.*

## **For Reflection Before Worship**

-- Matthew 28:18-20

*And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

-- Bryan Chapell

What Christ calls us to do, he authorizes as the one charged with the governance of heaven and earth. We do not have to wonder if we are overstepping our bounds when we speak about Jesus to people we know and meet. Jesus, who has authority over all, commissions us to speak...[But] what Jesus authorizes, he also empowers. The words that promise his continued care for his disciples signal the source of their power... "And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." These words echo an earlier comfort that Jesus promised to provide through the Holy Spirit. The same Spirit that served that served as the instrument of creation, Jesus grants to accompany his disciples. The continuing presence of Jesus promised in the person of the Holy Spirit guarantees inestimable power to the disciples... We may not outscore the opposition every inning, but we are on the winning team... We may think our efforts to tell others about Jesus are small, insignificant, and even failing, but the certainty that God can use every spark to ignite the fuel of his own purposes can keep us from despairing, doubting, and giving up.

## **Prelude**

Carolyn Stahl

## **Announcements**

Rev. Bill Massey

## **\*Call to Worship**

-- Matthew 24:14

*This gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.*

**\*Hymn of Praise:** GHF #142, *Jesus Shall Reign*

**\*Invocation**

**Responsive Call to Confession of Sin** -- *Mat. 28:18-20; Rom. 10:14-15*

Minister: And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

**People:** **Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,**

Minister: teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

**People:** **And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."**

Minister: How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed?

**People:** **And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard?**

Minister: And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent?

**People:** **As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"**

## **Pastoral Confession of Sin**

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

-- *Ephesians 2:17,19*

*Christ came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near... So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.*

**\*Hymn of Assurance:** GHF #235, *Pass Me Not*

**Our Tithes and Offerings:** Missions

-- *Matthew 10:8*

*Freely you have received, freely give.*

**\*Doxology**

**\*Greet One Another**

**Prayers of The People**

**Reading of God's Word:**

-- *Psalm 67*

**Sermon:** *Blessed So the Nations May Know*

Rev. Benjamin Jensen

**\*Response:** GHF #430: *O Zion, Haste*

**\*Benediction and Postlude**

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

## This Week at Colfax

### Sunday, October 6

- 9:30 am Sunday School with Ben Jensen  
10:30 am Morning Worship  
Brief congregational meeting  
Mission Feast in Fellowship hall  
6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

### Tuesday, October 8

- 9:30 am Women's Bible study at Ruth Thoren's home  
6:30 pm Pastoral Search Committee Meeting

### Wednesday, October 9

- 7:00 pm Young People Meet

### Sunday, October 13

- 9:30 am Morning Worship  
10:45 am Coffee Fellowship  
11:00 am Sunday School  
6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

### Serving Sunday, October 13

**Sanctuary Flowers:** Available

**Coffee Fellowship:** Chad and Kathy Pruisner

**Greeters:** Eldon & Linda Kruger, Leon & Sheryl Johnson

**Elevator Attendant:** Red Werkman

**Nursery Attendant:** Nedra Vaughan/Joylyn Stahl

**SS Nursery Attendant:** Sheila Steinmeyer

**Camera:** Mike Dieken

**PowerPoint:** Jordan Launstein

## COLFAX CENTER PRAISES AND PRAYER CONCERNS

As you go to the Lord in prayer, please read the following scripture:

**Romans 12:12** *“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction,  
faithful in prayer.”*

**Our nation and its leaders.**

**The ministries of our church:**

- Pastor Bill, Valerie and their family
- Elders & Deacons as they lead the church

**Current Elders:** Donn Anderson, Leon Johnson, David Pruin,  
Dean Salo, Curt Tjepkes

**Current Deacons:** Mike Dieken, Ken Harken, Chad Pruisner,  
Paul Smit, Chuck Thoren, Red Werkman

- Our Children's ministries
- The hearts of our congregation

**All of Our Missionaries,** especially those in sensitive countries.

**Those battling cancer:** Karen Arends; Bill Aswegan; Glenn Beckwith,  
Cindy Klaassen, Megan Hook; Kenny Luhring, Kay Schultz, Brad Vos

**Medical prayer requests:**

- **Bill Aswegan and Rod Schwab** for encouragement, wisdom and direction.
- **Bernie Buskohl** who is recovering from a fall. He is currently home.
- **Steve Jones** who is struggling with depression.
- **Brad Vos** for encouragement and direction.
- **Bob Getting** for comfort and healing from his fall
- **Kate Sandy** for comfort and healing from surgery
- **Cooper Annesley** for healing of his broken arm

**Pray also for those** on active duty in our armed forces; anxious, or discouraged; facing difficult situations in their families; struggling with sin in their lives or do not know Christ.

**Those who are shut-in or in nursing homes:**

Pauline Arends; Mary Bakker; Phyllis DeNeui; Eldon & Elna Dieken;  
Deloris Eilers, Grace Ennenga; Norma Hook; Anna Mae Klaassen; Verone Nederhoff; Darris Smit; Dixie Spain

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